CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A storage compartment for a ~~vehicle, preferably for passenger vehicles,~~ vehicle comprising:

a pivotably mounted storage compartment cover for closing a deposit compartment, the storage compartment cover having axes of rotation on two opposite longitudinal edges, being able to be opened in two directions, and pivoting about one of said axes of rotation, the two axes of rotation being locked in the closed position of the storage compartment cover, and

a driving device which automatically pivots the storage compartment cover about the other axis of rotation in the opening direction after release of a lock of one axis of rotation,

wherein the driving device has an energy store which is designed in two parts, and

wherein each axis of rotation is connected to one energy store part and at least an energy store part of a first axis of rotation is arranged within the storage compartment cover.

17. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 16, wherein the energy store is charged during manual closing of the storage

compartment cover and is discharged during an automatically driven opening of the storage compartment cover.

18. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 16, wherein the energy store has a spring with a damping device so that the opening movement takes place in a damped manner.

19. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 16, further comprising a retaining device which is designed for locking both axes of rotation arranged on a side wall of the deposit compartment.

20. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 19, wherein a release button is arranged in a region of the side wall of the deposit compartment, is connected to the retaining device, and interacts with the retaining device to release one axis of rotation.

21. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 19, wherein the storage compartment cover has spindle stubs which are arranged in the region of the axes of rotation and run along the axes of rotation, and wherein one spindle stub extends beyond one side of the storage compartment cover to engage in the retaining device to at least one of lock and support the storage compartment cover.

22. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 16, wherein one of the axes of rotation has two spindle stubs which can be displaced linearly on the storage compartment cover along the axis of rotation, each spindle stub having, at an end facing the other spindle stub, a rack which meshes via a toothed wheel with a rack of the other spindle stub in such a manner that the spindle stubs move in opposed directions.

23. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 16, wherein one of the axes of rotation has a blocking device which is designed in such a manner that it blocks a release of the axis of rotation when the storage compartment cover is open.

24. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 18, wherein the energy store part of the first axis of rotation is arranged in the storage compartment cover in the region of the first axis of rotation, and wherein the energy store of the second axis of rotation is arranged in the region of a side wall of the deposit compartment.

25. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 19, wherein the retaining device has a bar which connects the two axes of rotation, is connected to the energy store of the second axis of rotation and, after the first axis of rotation is released, pivots the storage compartment cover about a second axis of rotation in the opening direction.

26. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A storage compartment ~~as claimed in claim 25,~~ for a vehicle comprising:

a pivotably mounted storage compartment cover for closing a deposit compartment, the storage compartment cover having axes of rotation on two opposite longitudinal edges, being able to be opened in two directions, and pivoting about one of said axes of rotation, the two axes of rotation being locked in the closed position of the storage compartment cover,

a driving device which automatically pivots the storage compartment cover about the other axis of rotation in the opening direction after release of a lock of one axis of rotation, and

a retaining device which is designed for locking both axes of rotation arranged on a side wall of the deposit compartment,

wherein the driving device has an energy store which is designed in two parts,

wherein each axis of rotation is connected to one energy store part and at least an energy store part of a first axis of rotation is arranged within the storage compartment cover,

wherein the retaining device has a bar which connects the two axes of rotation, is connected to the energy store of the second axis of rotation and, after the first axis of rotation is released, pivots the storage compartment cover about a second axis of rotation in the opening direction,

wherein the bar is designed in such a manner that, when the second axis of rotation is released, the bar is arranged in a fixed position on the side wall and forms a rotary bearing of the first axis of rotation, and

wherein, when the first axis of rotation is released, the bar pivots together with the storage compartment cover.

27. (Withdrawn) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 16, wherein the energy store part of the first axis of rotation and the energy store part of a second axis of rotation are accommodated in the storage compartment cover, and wherein both energy stores are arranged in a region of the axes of rotation.

28. (Withdrawn) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 27, wherein the energy store part of the first axis of rotation is connected to the energy store part of the second axis of rotation by at least one of a rack and a flexible shaft so that the two energy store parts interact in each case to pivot the storage compartment cover about an axis of rotation.

29. (Withdrawn) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 27, wherein the energy store is designed for storing equal amounts of energy in the energy store part of the first axis of rotation and in the energy store part of the second axis of rotation by at least one of the rack and the flexible shaft

transferring energy between the energy store parts when the storage compartment cover is pivoted.

30. (Withdrawn-currently amended) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 27, wherein each of the spindle stubs, at an end reaching beyond the storage compartment cover, ~~have~~ has a cam which is elliptical or polygonal in shape and which, when the retaining device is locked, engages in the latter in such a manner that at least one of the spindle stubs is mounted in a rotationally fixed manner in the retaining device.

31. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 17, wherein the energy store has a spring with a damping device so that the opening movement takes place in a damped manner.

32. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 17, further comprising a retaining device which is designed for locking both axes of rotation arranged on a side wall of the deposit compartment.

33. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 32, wherein a release button is arranged in a region of the side wall of the deposit compartment, is connected to the retaining device, and interacts with the retaining device to release one axis of rotation.

34. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 32, wherein the storage compartment cover has spindle stubs which are arranged in the region of the axes of rotation and run along the axes of rotation, and wherein one spindle stub extends beyond one side of the storage compartment cover to engage in the retaining device to at least one of lock and support the storage compartment cover.

35. (Previously presented) The storage compartment as claimed in claim 17, wherein one of the axes of rotation has two spindle stubs which can be displaced linearly on the storage compartment cover along the axis of rotation, each spindle stub having, at an end facing the other spindle stub, a rack which meshes via a toothed wheel with a rack of the other spindle stub in such a manner that the spindle stubs move in opposed directions.